



# EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God – the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God's unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ's radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)*

## FEBRUARY 19, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"Don't start looking in the Bible for the answers it gives. Start by listening for the questions it asks."  
— Frederick Buechner in *Wishful Thinking*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"This Little Light of Mine"

arr. Charles Callahan

"Jubilant Procession"

Handel/Mark Ardrey-Graves

*Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music.*

*Please use this as a time for silent prayer and preparation.*

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Sharron Boddy

Leader: Invisible God, give us hearts to see the things our eyes overlook.

People: **Open our hearts to feel the things our hands can't touch.**

Leader: Open our hearts to hear that still, small voice which sounds like only silence to our listening ears.

People: Teach us to know you for what you really are – not flash or thunder, but love, softly spoken, flowing like a fountain, filling our souls, calling us to life.

Leader: Let us worship God!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #401 "Here in This Place"

GATHER US IN

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Gracious God, we confess that we are often:

**...too certain of our own conviction to seek your guidance;**

**...too confident of our own knowledge to ask for your truth;**

**...too convinced of our own control to knock at your door.**

We rely on our own strength, ability, and sense of certainty and in doing so fail to surrender our hearts fully to you.

Forgive us, we pray. Draw near to us in steadfast love that we might trust in you, learn from you, and love you with wholeness of heart, mind, soul and strength. May we be strengthened by your mercy to love our neighbors as you first have loved us.

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

Did I offer peace today?  
Did I bring a smile to  
someone's face?  
Did I say words of  
healing? Did I let go of  
my anger and  
resentment?  
Did I forgive?  
Did I love?  
These are the real  
questions. I must trust  
that the little bit of love  
that I sow now will bear  
many fruits, here in this  
world and in the  
life to come.  
(Henri Nouwen)

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY:  
The astronomer Copernicus was born in Torun, Poland (1473); the Texas state government was installed in Austin – the second time that an independent nation joined the U.S. as a state (1846); Lucy B. Hobbs became the first woman to graduate from a dental school (1866); abolitionist Frederick Douglass died (1895); nature photographer Ansel Adams was born (1902); the double helix structure of the DNA molecule was discovered by Crick and Watson (1953); Col. John Glenn orbited the earth three times, becoming the first man to orbit the earth more than once (1962); Malcolm X was assassinated at the age of 39 (1965).

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #820

NADA TE TURBE

“Nothing Can Trouble”

Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten.  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
God alone fills us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.  
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Nathaniel and Sonya-Marie Morley

Psalm 37:1-28a, 39-40

BELL ANTHEM

“This Little Light of Mine”

arr. Andrew Duncan

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*Our Extended Session program is provided for infants and toddlers up to age 3 in the first floor Nursery and pre-school age through grade 1 in Room 151.*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Members: Delwin Cosia, Bill and Pamela Delaney  
Eric and Kathy Logan, Judith Mancini, Kirk Palmer, Vince Ponder  
Tiffany Sudar, Yega Tita, Sara Weber-Striplin  
Friends: Stanley Koepke, Charmaine Robinson, Nathan Shuey  
Bob and Cathy Wiskemann

\* HYMN #691

“Lord, When I Came into This Life”

LAND OF REST

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 7:7-11

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

The Rev. Schoenewolf

“Words from the Mount — Unanswered Questions”

SPECIAL MUSIC

“His Eye is on the Sparrow” Civilla Martin/Charles Gabriel

*Please join in singing the final refrain after verse 3 as directed.*

**I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free,**  
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

*The Lord’s Prayer can be found on pg. 35 (English), on pg. 40 (Español) or on pg. 45 (한국어) in the Glory to God hymnal.*

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*We offer our gifts in response to God’s love, and the grace of Jesus Christ, which we seek to make known through the ministries of this congregation.*

\* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Poet John Keble (1792-1866) was a leader of the Oxford Movement in England. One of his hymns is included in our *Glory to God* hymnal, #272, *God, You Rule with Royal Bearing*.

Open our eyes that we may see thee at work in the midst of the turmoil and tension of our day. Open our hearts that we may receive the gift of thy love, given for the whole world.  
(*Women of Uruguay in Women of Prayer*)

Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949) adapted the tune MCKEE in 1940 for use with the text *In Christ There Is No East or West*. He named it for Rev. Elmer McKee, rector of St. George's Church in New York City, where Burleigh was baritone soloist for 52 years.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Blest Are the Pure in Heart"

Charles Huerter  
Text by John Keble

*Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. The secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode. The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to dwell in lowliness with all, their pattern and their King; now to the lowly soul doth still God impart, and for God's dwelling and God's throne chooseth the pure in heart. Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be; give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for thee. Amen.*

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures  
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;  
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader:	El Señor esté con ustedes.	The Lord be with you.
People:	Y también contigo.	And also with you.
Leader:	Levantemos nuestros corazones.	Lift up your hearts.
People:	Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.	We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader:	Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.	It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Leader:	Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.	

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #707

HALL

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*

"In Christ There Is No East or West" arr. Charles Callahan

*Our worship concludes with the postlude. For the benefit of those who wish to listen to the postlude, please refrain from visiting with your neighbors until you have left the sanctuary, or until the postlude has concluded.*



*Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.*

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◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
Sharron Boddy  
Nathaniel and Sonya-Marie Morley  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Organist/Music Director*  
**Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
ELPC Ringers  
Soloists: Adriana Cleveland, Juddson Poeske  
Denise Sheffey-Powell  
Acolyte: Annabel Degenholtz  
Beadle: Lenore Williams  
Crucifer: Chloe Ferrante  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the McKelvy Room after worship for a reception during our Fellowship Time to welcome our new members and friends, sponsored by Membership & Outreach. All are welcome to attend.

*If you would like to make a food or monetary donation in support of our Fellowship Time, please call Pamela Kimmel (412.441.3800 x18).*

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

*If you would like to purchase flowers for our Sanctuary worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Norma (412.441.3800 x11). The cost is now \$150 a Sunday.*

◆ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am.....Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.  
*Feb 26* — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.  
*Feb 26* — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

Extended Session

After the *Moments with the Children* during the 11 am Sanctuary service, a children's ministry is offered with songs, Bible or mission stories, prayer, sharing and creative activities. A simple snack is served.

*In an effort to best know and care for your child, we ask that all families fill out a green Extended Session "Ticket" and that your child bring it with him/her to Extended Session every week.*

\* Young Children's Ministry for infants and toddlers (up to age 3) — First Floor Nursery. Every Sunday.

\* Pre-school age children (through grade 1) — Room 151.

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

A 35-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.

Mondays, 7 am to 1 pm

Wednesdays, 9 am to 9 pm

Taizé Sung Prayer

Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France.

Wednesdays, 7 pm

Prayer Room (*Room 135, in Highland Ave hallway*)

Come to sit and pray in silence. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness that is ELPC.

Open everyday

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are grateful to have you join us for worship this morning and ask you to register your name in our Friendship Book.

*To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to:*

**Stay after today's service for our Fellowship Time** in the McKelvy Room. Identify yourself as a newcomer, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have about ELPC.

Pick up a copy of our newsletter, the *Reaching Out*, either in the Narthex or at the Hospitality Desk near the Highland Avenue doors.

Attend a *New Members and Friends Class* to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more information, or to register for a future class (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).



## TODAY AT ELPC

### Special Fellowship Time

Please join us in the McKelvy Room after worship for a reception during our Fellowship Time to welcome our new members and friends, sponsored by Membership & Outreach. All are welcome to attend.

### Today's DODs

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Liz Gonda**.  
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Kathy Kiewra**.

### Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Free blood pressure screenings are available after today's 11 am service in the 1st floor Library. All are welcome!

### Support Our Youth with 30-Hour Famine – Today and Feb 26

Youth will be raising money and awareness for their upcoming *30-Hour Famine* before and after Sanctuary worship today and next Sunday, Feb 26. Money raised will support Church World Service's work in relocating Syrian refugees in Europe and the U.S. The *30-Hour Famine* will take place March 4 to 5 at ELPC. Youth who wish to participate should contact Sara Hackett or Anthony Williams to RSVP or ask questions (SaraH@coh.net).

### Annual Report Available

Copies of the 2016 *Annual Report* will be available today and next Sunday, Feb 26 in the front office. We ask that you only take one copy per family.



### Congregational Meeting – Feb 26

All congregation members of ELPC are encouraged to attend our annual *Congregational Meeting* following worship next Sunday, Feb 26 in the Social Hall. Lunch will be provided prior to the meeting in which reports and financial budgets will be reviewed. Nominations for the incoming slate of officers (elders, deacons, Centennial Fund member) also will be voted on.

### DG2! Youth Ministry Event: Empty Bowls Baking – Feb 26

Doing Good Together! (DG2!)—a partnership between the youth of Rodef Shalom and ELPC—will be baking cookies for the upcoming *Empty Bowls* fundraiser on Sunday, Feb 26 from Noon-3:30 pm. *Empty Bowls* serves a simple meal as a reminder that people throughout our region are facing hunger, and benefits the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and Just Harvest. Youth in grades 4–12 are asked to please RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x120).

### YAM Event: First Friday @ Drum Circle – March 3

Drumming is a great way to throw off the stresses of your day, connect to the spirit and center into community. Young adults are invited to a drumming circle TRAIL event on Friday, March 3 at 7 pm at First United Methodist Church (5401 Centre Ave, Shadyside). Bring your own drum if you have one.

### Interfaith Panel – March 5

Following the 11 am worship service on Sunday, March 5, the Spiritual Life Committee will present an *Interfaith Panel* addressing the question *What is our Place (as human beings) in the Universe?* Join us in the Social Hall as we listen to responses and discuss the role of humankind from diverse religious perspectives. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Kate Carlson (KateC@coh.net).

### Exploring ELPC's Architecture – March 5

Marvel at the beauty of ELPC's stunning Gothic architecture as Elder Stephen Evrard takes us on a tour of our Sanctuary and Chapel on Sunday, March 5 following our 11 am service. Gather at the front of the Sanctuary. Please allow 45 minutes for the tour and wear comfortable shoes.

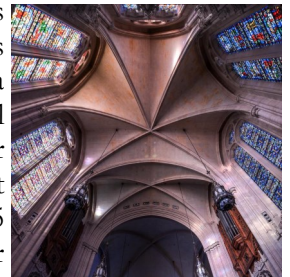


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On Wednesday, March 1, the season of Lent will begin with our Ash Wednesday service featuring the imposition of ashes in the Chapel at 12 pm, led by Pastor Patrice.



Following the service, we will welcome Dr. David Esterline, president of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, as our guest speaker in Room 234. A simple lunch will be provided.

Later in the evening, all are welcome to attend a special Taizé prayer service with the imposition of ashes, led by the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan.



*As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:*

Ray Anthony, Rick Frederick,  
Sharon Geibel, Barbara Goodwin's husband John,  
Jan Herzer's friends  
Merrel, Frankie, Francine, Bob and Mick,  
Buzz Hutchison's sister-in-law Elaine,  
Nancy Latshaw, Heather Lawrence's sister Christine,  
Lee Lewand, Kathleen Mahin's friend Jesse,  
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,  
Polly McQueen's brother Clay,  
Sonya-Marie Morley's friend and Deborah Marx's  
cousin Eileen and her family,  
Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn,  
Mary Randolph's mother Cecilia,  
David Schoenewolf's co-worker Maureen,  
Tim Sergi's mother Jean,  
Herma Stewart's mother Edith,  
and Pat Valoon and her friend Robert.

*Our condolences to Mary Beth Gladis-Johnson on  
her stepfather's passing.*

*Our condolences to Emma Johnson on  
her brother-in-law's passing.*

There are **Prayer Boxes**, with cards for prayer requests, available on the tables in the Narthex and East Transept entrances to the Sanctuary.

### Committee Meetings This Week

*The church office will be closed tomorrow  
in observance of Presidents' Day.*

Justice..... *Today, 12:15 pm (Rm 244)*  
Youth & Young Adults..... *Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Rm 244)*  
Session..... *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 234)*

### Grief Support Group – Begins March 6

ELPC will host a *Grief Support Group* on Monday evenings from 6:30-8 pm, March 6 through April 10. The group will be facilitated by Susan Spangler and Ted Cmarada, licensed psychotherapists, and is open to anyone in the community who is grieving the loss of a loved one. Participants should plan to attend all six sessions. This group is offered free of charge. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Ted (240.446.4937) or Susan (240.285.6507).

### Looking for a way to put your love in action?



Visit the iSERVE webpage at [www.ELPC.church/programs/iserive-2](http://www.ELPC.church/programs/iserive-2) to learn about other service opportunities, or contact Wil Forrest (412.441.3800 x14).

♦ **Be a New Member Host** ♦  
*(please contact Wil Forrest)*

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



### Interfaith Worship Service for Immigrants – Feb 20

An interfaith support, lament and thanksgiving worship service will be held at 10 am on Monday, Feb 20 at St. Benedict the Moor Roman Catholic Church (Lower Hill District). The service will focus on all immigrants, including the undocumented. Please contact the Rev. Liddy Barlow for details (412.688.9070).

### PW Bible Study: Who is Jesus? – March 6 and 7

Join PW to continue the study *Who is Jesus according to the Non-canonical Gospels?* on Monday, March 6 at 7 pm, or Tuesday, March 7 at 10 am in the 2nd floor Parlor. A potluck lunch follows the Tuesday study, with soup and beverages provided. Please bring your own table setting and soup bowl, as well as a side to share. Childcare is available by request for the Tuesday study.

### LGBTQ Ministry's Spiritual Gathering – March 12

LGBTQ Ministry's next *spiritual gathering* will be on Sunday, March 12 after the 11 am worship service. During this monthly meeting we will share food, fellowship and our stories. To learn more or to get involved please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

### The Disease of Addiction – March 12

Gordon Jenkins, Drug and Alcohol Coordinator of East Liberty Family Health Care Center, will speak on Sunday, March 12 after the 11 am worship service. His subject, The Disease of Addiction, will cover the stages of addiction as well as the spiritual, mental and physical aspects of the disease. Light refreshments will be served.

### We're Having a Baby Shower! – March 19

Presbyterian Women invites everyone to a baby shower for Pastor Heather Schoenewolf in the Social Hall on Sunday, March 19 from 1–4 pm. More details soon!

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Feb 26 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries** – “Seeing Jesus in John’s Gospel: Giver of Living Water” facilitated by Mary Alice Lightle

**Journey with Scripture** – Exodus 24:12–18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16–21; Matthew 17:1–9, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers** – “Malcolm X—The Struggle of Character Transformation” led by Hamza Perez

**Soul Food** – A concluding discussion of *Week 2 of Open the Door* by Joyce Rupp, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Judy Roberts, and Yamuna Morgenstern